



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Policy Memo 95-2, "Processing Performance Specifications"

1. References:

a. Memorandum, OASD, 10 Mar 95, subject: Policy Memo 95-2A, "Processing Performance Specifications", enclosed.

b. Army Implementation Plan (AIP), Nov 1994.

2. Use of the draft revision "D" to MIL-STD-961 is authorized until the final version is approved and available, see reference 1.a.

3. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (OSD) (Economic Security) policy and procedures for performance specifications to be listed in the Department of Defense Index of Specifications and Standards (DoDISS) are described in reference 1.a. The Army delegates the certification authority to the Standards Executives. The Army procedures for certifying performance specifications are as follows:

a. The preparing activity (PA) for each Military specification, new, revised or existing, must nominate for certification each military specification as meeting the criteria for being performance, in accordance with OSD, Army and MIL-STD-961D guidance. The nomination process should include full coordination/comment resolution with all interested DoD, other government and industry organizations.

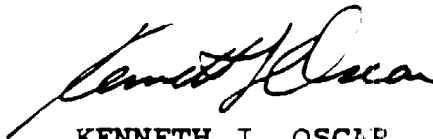
b. The Standards Executive must formally certify that the specification is a performance specification and it meets the MIL-STD-961 criteria. This certification memorandum must accompany the specification when it is transmitted to the Defense Printing Service for publication and inclusion in the DoDISS. An information copy of the specification and the certification memorandum should be furnished through the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Chief, Departmental Standardization Office, ATTN: AMCRD-IEE, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22333-0001 to Chief, Standardization Program Division, ATTN: OASD(ES)IA/AP, Suite 1403, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3466. Certification procedures which ensure a valid process, with supporting rationale, are the responsibility of each Army Acquisition Organization.

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4. Policy Memo 95-1 requires that system unique specifications be certified as performance. This certification should be accomplished by the Milestone Decision Authority using the same procedures as the waiver process for the use of military specifications in the solicitation process.
5. It is imperative that the integrity of the performance specification designation be maintain. So we ask that each document clearly meets the criteria before it is certified.
6. This OSD/Army memorandum augments and should become part of the AIP.
7. AMC -- America's Arsenal for the Brave.

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